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RE: Citizen Petition to Amend the Peanut Spread Regulations (21 CFR 102.23)

To Whom It May Concern:

The Southern Peanut Farmers Federation, which represents the majority of peanut farmers in the United States, would like to comment on the referenced petition in regards to Peanut Butter Spreads, filed January 11, 1999.

We support the concept of allowing peanut product manufacturers greater flexibility in developing new and improved peanut products. While the nutritional standards will be lowered for Peanut Butter Spreads under this petition, we believe such actions will have a minimal effect on Americans' nutritional intake and diet. We further believe that this action will still preserve the integrity and standards of identity for which peanut butter products are labeled. We don't believe these changes will adversely affect consumers, or cause confusion or chaos in the marketplace.

Sincerely,

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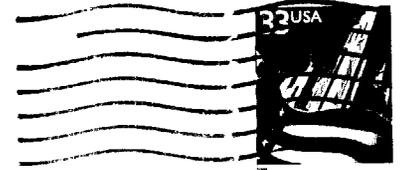
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